

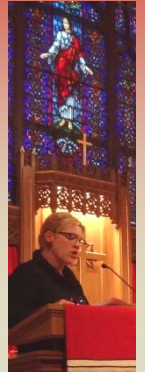
# BETHELITE

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## Confirmation October 30



Jacqui Shanda

**Front Row** (L to R): Anita Grue, Emily Oberwetter, Veronica Fabiola Valdes Jasso, Emily Elizalde, Sarah Burns-Cruz, Ermelinda Cruz, Sarah Carman, Ruben Bolivar, Michela Wood, Ryan Cook

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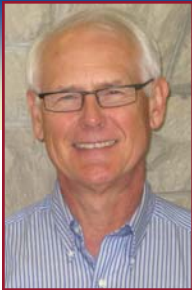
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**Pastors (L to R):**  
John Swanson  
Curt Everson  
Duane Hanson  
Jaime Dubon



# FROM THE PASTOR

## Doing God's Work

Dear Members and Friends of Bethel Lutheran,

It has been only a few months since I wrote my first "Pastor's Study" in the *Bethelite*. Today I write my final one. We anticipated this interim time to be short, but important. And I think it fair to say that things have gone largely as hoped. Bethel's ministry has moved forward in spite of some significant pastoral transitions. The senior pastor call process has proceeded in a timely fashion and we now await Pastor Scot's arrival. Congregation, pastors, staff and lay leadership have flexed with the changes and pitched-in with their various gifts, looking to the future with anticipation.

For me there has been one surprise, and a most pleasant one. I honestly expected to enjoy Bethel, but your warmth, hospitality and sincere faith have made my time here a real treat. This is not to paint a false picture or overlook the needs and shortcomings of any human community. But truly, I leave with a deep respect for the strong ministry that has flourished here for many decades. And where there are solid ministries there are always people of faith and stories of inspiration behind them. It has been my privilege to get to know some of you. I've also had the opportunity to know many of you through sharing worship together. Thank you.

I believe that Pastor Scot will bring some exceedingly fine gifts for Bethel's ministry going forward. My remaining work here will be to continue with our ministry and together with staff and lay leadership, anticipate next steps. As I mentioned early on, my short time here did not allow for a full fledged interim process and some of the deeper discussion about Bethel's future will need to come through Pastor Scot's leadership. It's my sense that he's really looking forward to that.

One initial step of congregational learning - worth taking with or without pastoral transition - has to do with the remarkable research done on exemplary youth ministry. Seven widely-varying denominations (including ELCA)

participated in this study and its results point to the importance of the whole congregation (indeed, its very culture!) when it comes to faith formation among young people. Dr. Terri Elton and Tim Colteit, both of Luther Seminary, St. Paul, will give a workshop for our congregation on Saturday morning, Nov. 19, from 9:00 am-1:00 pm. For this first, broad look at exemplary youth ministry, we need stakeholders present from all sectors of the congregation. (You can sign up with Jacqui Shanda.)

There will be opportunity for a 6-8 person task force to guide our initial steps (through May), with coaching from Dr. Elton. That group would meet afterwards for purposes of organizing follow-up coaching sessions.

As we look to the future, we can rest in this promise: when we do God's work, what we are asked to do will always include the necessary gifts to accomplish it. Framing it this way helps us see both the importance of discernment and of focusing on God's gifts to the Bethel community.

--Pastor Peter Strommen

### Pastoral Staff

Peter Strommen Jaime Dubon Curt Everson Duane Hanson Sarah Harrold John Swanson	<i>Interim Senior Pastor Interim Latino Ministries Visitation &amp; Worship Bethel Horizons Evangelism &amp; Mission Confirmation, Visitation &amp; Women's Ministries</i>
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### Program Staff

Mary Conlin Annette Durkin Stacy Gahlman-Schroeder Anita Grue, AiM Gary Lewis Alice Mowbray	<i>Director XYZ &amp; Volunteers Director of Communications Assistant to the Senior Pastor Coordinator of Youth Ministries Director of Music - Organist Business Administrator &amp; Director of Development New Member Coordinator - Wedding Secty. Director of Parish Education Family Life Coordinator Asst. Business Administrator, part-time</i>
Sandy Ripp Jacqui Shanda Susan Straus Ray Weihofen	



## Getting Ready for EDUCATION Sunday School

**Story:** Queen Esther **Biblical Text:** Esther 2:5-18; 3:1-6; 8:1-17  
SPARK Story Bible, pages 152-157

**Bible Point:** God works through us.

**Key Bible Verse:** *For the Jews there was light and gladness, joy and honor.* Esther 8:16

**Prayer:** Dear God, this week we will have to choose between your way and the easier way. Help us to be like Esther, and choose what's right. In Jesus' name, amen.

### Office Information

**Hours:** Monday through Friday, 8:30 am - 5:00 pm, Saturday 9:00 am - 1:00 pm  
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## NEWS & EVENTS



### Friendship Club

Dr. Gayle Reed will speak on *The Gift of Forgiveness* on **Nov. 11** at 6:15 pm.  
Reservations: Judi Griffin: 222-9290.

### Renew, Rejoice and Respond!

The theme of the Women's Triennial Conference held July, 2011. Eight women of Bethel travelled to Spokane, WA for this time of learning and growing in our faith. We wish to thank the Bethel Endowment Foundation for financial support. The next conference will be held in Charlotte, NC in 2014. -- *Flora Sprecher, Jo Thomley, Nancy Wanless, Peggy Olson, Jeanne Gill, Rae Caraman and Suzanne Soldner.*

### Christmas Decorating at Bethel

Save the dates of **Dec. 3-5** to help!

### Family Ministry

#### Fairy Party-November 12

Movies, makeovers and fairy inspired food, 9:30-11:30 am.

#### Monday Night Football-November 14

Watch the Packers take on the Vikings - 7:30 pm kick-off. Dinner at 7:00 pm.  
Child care provided.

#### Cowboy Party-November 19

Rustle up some great grub, get your face painted and watch a movie.

Susan 257-3577, ext 336, or:  
familyministry@bethel-madison.org

#### Wreath Sales - Youth Group



Order: **Nov. 13**

Pick-up at Bethel **Nov. 20** and **27**

#### XYZ-PrimeTimers Day Trip

*White Christmas Fantasy* day trip,  
**Dec. 10.** Begin at Ethnic Heritage Museum, followed by lunch and theatre.

#### Guitar Lessons

For beginners, these lessons will start **Nov. 17** at 6:30 pm. Taught by Einstein Gonzalez, \$10 fee. Register at Reception desk.

#### Blanket Workshop

**Nov. 17** at 9:00 am-Borgwardt Hall



### Wednesday, December 7

Tickets on sale Nov. 13. Enjoy fellowship, food, holiday tables, and be inspired for the coming season. Pr. Scot Sorensen, our new Senior Pastor, will be the featured speaker. *This event sold out last year.*

## theBethelidea

This on-going discussion of planned expansion for Bethel's downtown campus will focus on *Idea Sessions* for Bethel members this fall. Please share your ideas and questions on **Nov. 13** at 10:30 am in Good Shepherd Chapel.  
--Sponsored by Urban Site Committee

### Middle School Ministry

**Nov. 10,** Fireside Gallery 6:00-7:30 pm

### Puerto Rico Mission Trip

**Jan. 30 – Feb. 6.** The cost is \$575, with a \$275 deposit due by Nov 30.  
Applications in the Reception area.

### Advent Devotion Books

Now available in the Emmaus Room.

### Current Christian Concerns - 7:00am

**Nov 17** The Shame of College Sports

### Feed and Read

*The Secret Life of Anne Boleyn* by Robin Maxwell will be discussed on **Nov. 21.**

### Camera Club - November 21

Open to all ages and abilities - 7:00 pm.

### Campus Ministry

Thanksgiving Dinner at Bethel, **Nov. 20,** sponsored by the Campus Ministry Committee. This free turkey dinner in Borgwardt Hall is open to all UW, MATC and Edgewood College students and faculty.  
*Reserve by Nov. 17 with Angie, 257-3577.*

### Laura Nelson-In Memorium

Bethel's Family and Women's Ministry Pastor, 1993-1996, has died. Please keep her family in your prayers.

### Bethel Horizons Requests

In need of black and white newspapers, bubble wrap and plastic dry cleaning bags.  
Angie will collect: 257-3577.

### Lefse Makers Needed!

**Nov. 14** and **15** at Bethel Horizons. Meals and transportation provided. Angie: 257-3577.

### Christian Men's Fellowship

Join us at 10:30 am for *Pakistan's Federally Administered Tribal Areas*, presented by Prof. Joe Elder. Borgwardt Hall, **Nov. 15.**

### CIRCLE OF LOVE - THANK YOU

The support of Golf Outing participants and sponsors raised over **\$23,000** for our children of Chernobyl mission. We can now proceed with two exciting programs within the project. Also, we are looking for six Bethel homes to host a child from June 15-July 27, applications accepted through November. Cost of airline tickets, visas, English classes, trips to Horizons and Noah's Ark are covered by the project.  
Jacqui: 257-3577 x 333.

### LWR Thank You

Kits, soap and quilts have been sent world-wide to victims of war, crop failures, drought and earthquakes. A BIG thank you to the individuals and Circles who contributed this year: 66 School Kits, 22 Layette Kits, 90 pounds of bar soap, 119 Quilts and 118 Health Kits. To learn more about LWR and their mission work: [www.lwr.org](http://www.lwr.org).

### Circle Meeting Schedule

#### Inspiration

Nov. 10, Carrie Bernhardt

#### Renew

Nov. 10, 7:00 pm, at Bethel

#### Seekers

Nov. 14, 6:30 pm at Bethel

#### Rejoice

Nov. 15, 7:15 pm, Jacqui Shanda

#### Celebration

Nov. 15, 7:00 pm, Joanne Borgwardt

#### Abigail

Nov. 16, 9:30 am, at Oakwood West  
**Evelyn**

Nov. 17, 1:00 pm, Irene Kringle, at Bethel

#### Compassion

Nov. 17, 6:30 pm, at Bethel

#### Beth Keys

Nov. 22, 1:30 pm, Elvira Benter, at Bethel

### New Saturday Morning Book Study

*The Secret Message of Jesus: Uncovering the Truth That Could Change Everything*, by Brian McLaren will be discussed beginning **Dec. 3** at 8:00 am in the Library.  
Books available for \$ 8. Jacqui: 257-3577.

### Food Pantry-Needs Bags

Please bring paper grocery bags to the Food Pantry or Reception area.

### Community Meals

Please bring your donations to Bethel's Salad Kitchen by 10:00 am **Nov. 14.**

## Stewardship

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Please return your Estimate of Giving (Pledge) card to Bethel's office, or in the Offering plate on Sunday.



**Nov 13 Sunday-22 Pentecost**

- 7:45a Coffee Fellowship (*Fireside Gallery*)
- 7:55a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- 8:30a Childcare available until 2:00p (*Nursery*)
- Genesis Café Open (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 8:45a Library Open until 11:45a
- 9:15a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- Sunday School
- 9:45a Worship Rehearsal for 10:45 (*Choir Rm*)
- 10:15a Cherub Choir (*Rm 202*)
- Children's Choir (*Rm 216A*)
- Junior Youth Choir (*Pentecost Rm*)
- 10:30a Idea Session (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- ESL Class (*Rm 216B*)
- Bethel Series-New Testament (*Library Media Room*)
- PrimeTimers Meeting (*Rm 101*)
- Bhutanese Ministry Support Meeting (*Youth Rm*)
- Church Ladies Meeting (*Rm 205*)
- 10:45a **Worship Service** (*Sanctuary*)
- 11:00a Sunday School, bi-lingual (*Rms 204, 210, 212*)
- 11:45a Latino Children's Choir (*Rm 202*)
- 12:30p **Worship-La Santa Misa** (*Sanctuary*)
- 1:30p Refrigerio (*Borgwardt Hall*)

**Nov 14 Monday**

- 8:30a Friendship Pad Volunteers (*Rm 104*)
- 12:00p BLCEF Investment Committee (*Rm 200*)
- 5:30p Bhutanese Synod Support Meeting (*Rm 201*)
- 6:30p Seekers Circle (*Library Media Rm*)
- 7:00p Family Tail Gate and Packer Game (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- Bethel Series-New Testament (*Rm 200*)

**Nov 15 Tuesday**

- 8:30a Homeless Book Group (*Rm 216*)
- 9:00a Library Open until 12:00p
- 10:00a Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost Rm*)
- 10:30a Christian Men's Fellowship (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- Homeless Spiritual Support Group (*Pentecost Rm*)
- Homeless Ministry Board Meeting (*Rm 201*)
- 3:30p Eagle's Wings After School (*Pentecost, Fireside*)
- 5:00p Grupo Latino Practica de Musica (*Sanctuary*)
- 5:15p Women's Choir (*Choir Room*)
- 6:00p Latino Computer Class (*Pentecost Rm*)
- 6:30p Creative Worship Singers (*Choir Rm*)
- Latino Senior High Youth Group (*Youth Rm*)
- Spanish Class (*Room 216*)
- Rebuilding at Bethel (*Rm 101, Good Shepherd Chapel, Library*)
- 7:00p Conversational Norwegian (*Library Media Rm*)
- 7:15p Church Council (*Rm 201*)

**Nov 16 Wednesday**

- 9:30a **Worship Service** (*Good Shepherd Chapel*)
- 10:00a Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost Rm*)
- 3:30p Eagle's Wings After School (*Pentecost, Fireside*)
- Bethel Ringers (*Rm 202*)
- 6:00p Love and Logic Class (*Pentecost Rm*)
- 6:30p Hot Topics (*Youth Rm*)

**Nov 17 Thursday**

- 7:00a Current Christian Concerns (*Library Media Rm*)
- 9:00a Blanket Workshop (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 10:00a Homeless Support Services (*Pentecost Rm*)

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November 16



- 1:00p Evelyn Circle (*Library Media Rm*)
- 3:30p Eagle's Wings After School (*Pentecost, Fireside*)
- 6:30p Stephen Ministry Continuing Ed. (*Rm 200*)
- Compassion Circle (*Library Media Rm*)
- Guitar Class (*Rm 216*)
- 7:00p Bethel Choir (*Choir Rm*)

**Nov 18 Friday**

- 7:00a Men's Book Study (*Borgwardt Hall*)
- 9:30a XYZ (*Fireside Gallery, Pentecost Rm*)

**Nov 19 Saturday**

- 8:00a Bible Study (*Library*)
- 9:00a Faithful Future-Youth Workshop (*Emmaus Rm*)
- 9:30a Family Ministry-Cowboy Brunch (*Fireside*)
- ELCA Leadership Training (*Library*)
- 5:00p **Worship Service** (*Pentecost Room*)

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**WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

**TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**  
**NOV 12 5:00 PM NOV 13 7:55 AM 9:15 AM 10:45 AM**  
**PASTOR DUANE HANSON**  
**12:30 PM-SPANISH PASTOR JAIME DUBON**

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 Matthew 25:14-30

**TELECAST INFORMATION**

<u>Madison</u>	<u>Green Bay*</u>
10:00 am WKOW-TV 27	8:30 am WACY-TV 32
<u>Eau Claire</u>	<u>Milwaukee-Cable 15*</u>
10:00 am WQOW-TV 18	9:30 am WPXE-PAX 55
<u>La Crosse</u>	<u>Wausau*</u>
10:00 am WXOW-TV 19	9:00 am WFXS-FOX 55
<u>Dubuque*</u> 9:30 am & 9:00 pm KFXB-TV 43	

\*Telecast delayed one week.

To contribute to the Media Ministry, contact Dona Meyer: 608-257-3577, ext 225, or: [donameyer@bethel-madison.org](mailto:donameyer@bethel-madison.org).



# Christmas Flowers and Food 2 0 1 1

Please write separate checks  
for Poinsettias and  
Food donations.



## Poinsettia Christmas Garden

**Circle one:** In Memory In Honor:

Please print clearly

By \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

No. of plants \_\_\_\_\_ x \$13.00 = \_\_\_\_\_ Total Due

Cash/Check # \_\_\_\_\_ Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_

Plants designated for homebound Bethel members may be  
picked up on Christmas Day after the 10:00 am Worship service.

\_\_\_ Please take my plant(s) to a Bethel shut-in

\_\_\_ I will pick-up my plant(s) on Christmas Day and take to a shut-in

\_\_\_ I will pick-up my plant(s) on Tuesday, December 27

The deadline for gifts to be recognized in the Christmas Eve  
bulletin is: **Tuesday, December 6**

## Food Pantry Donation

Please write separate checks for  
Poinsettias and Food donations.



**Circle one:** In Memory In Honor:

Please print clearly

By \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Amount \_\_\_\_\_ Cash/Check # \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope # \_\_\_\_\_ The deadline for gifts to be  
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